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In re Application of:

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RANDOM ARRAY OF MICRO-
SPHERES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS

RCE of Serial No. 10/036,828

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before consideration of the above-identified application, and in response to arguments set forth in the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated March 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.